

So do not be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.

MATTHEW 10:31



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

June 25, 2023



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 24th

Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Tom Voute and Suzanne Gaston-Voute
requested by Muriel & Rachel

Sunday, June 25th

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Claire Carreiro & Doris Pelletier

10:30AM: Michael Perrault req by his wife, Brenda
For all parishioners

Monday, June 26th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Maria Giamartino requested by Rocco
Gerace & family

Tuesday, June 27th

**Saint Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Tom Voute req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Wednesday, June 28th

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Liz Lochman req by the Lyons family

Thursday, June 29th

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

No Mass

Friday, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Liz Lochman requested by Diane Schultz

Saturday, July 1st

Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Carmelle Murch requested by her husband

Sunday, July 2nd

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Concetta DiPiero requested by friend of
the family, Ruth Murphy

10:30AM: Maureen Murray, 5th anniversary,
requested by the family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
June 24th – 30th in memory of
Angela Bourque.



The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

June 29 is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, a feast day to honor two great apostles. Saint Peter is one of the Twelve and the Rock - and first pope - upon which Christ built His Church. Although he never met Jesus, Saint Paul is responsible for spreading much of the Word of Jesus. Thirteen of the 27 books of the New Testament are attributed to St. Paul. During Nero's persecution of the Christians, both men were martyred between AD 64 and 68.

A solemnity is the highest rank of feast day and this honor is reserved for the most important events, like those in the lives of Jesus or Mary. Saints Peter and Paul are considered cornerstones of the Church.

“Christian tradition has always considered Saint Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ.”
-Pope Benedict XVI

Summer Vacation Prayer

Lord God, Creator of all things,
Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during
these months of summer and vacation days.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Readings for the Week: June 25, 2023

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20, 22;
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5;
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,
8-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;
Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2
Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53,
54-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17,
18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

•**Faith Formation Registration:** Stay tuned for registration information for the 2023-24 school year for grades 1-12!

A Daily Examen for Parents

Thanksgiving

How am I grateful for my family today? How have we loved and supported each other?

Petition

Before I review my day, I ask for clarity and honesty as I search for God and look at myself and my family.

Review

From my interactions with my family today today....

How did my kids make me smile, laugh, or pause in joy?

How did my kids challenge or frustrate me today?

How did I respond to my kids with love and patience?

How did I respond to my kids out of frustration and impatience?

When did I feel close to them? More distant from them?

How might my kids have tried to communicate deeper needs to me underneath the surface of their actions and words?

Have I noticed God's presence in any of this?

What might God be inviting me to consider when I reflect on these experiences in my family?

Response

What is my response to God who is present in the life of my family?

A Look Ahead

As I consider my family's day tomorrow...

How can I be an instrument of God's love in my family tomorrow?

How can I honor the gifts of my children more fully tomorrow?

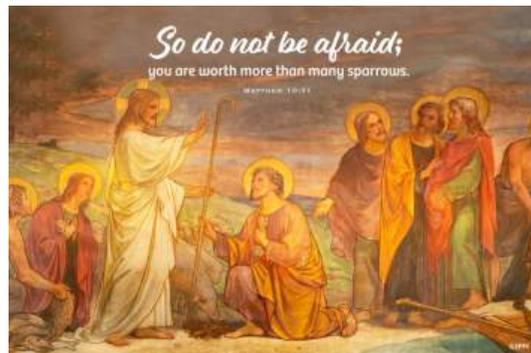
St. Ignatius of Loyola's Examen is an opportunity for peaceful, reflective prayer. It invites us to find God in all of the people and events of our day. Begin with a slow, deep breath or two. Become aware that you are in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Examen is meant to be prayed daily, but to get started you may want to try it on a weekly basis.

-edited from IgnatianSolidarity.net

Jesus Assures the Twelve

Matthew 10:26-33

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the 12 disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.



This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience: a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures His disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to His children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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Silver Rose Prayer Service - All Welcome

Each year, eight silver roses make stops along various routes from Canada through the US to Mexico, to demonstrate unity between the Knights of Columbus of the three countries in promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

One of the silver roses will be at St. Mark the Evangelist in Londonderry (corner of Route 128 and South Road) from June 24 to June 30. All are invited to join the Knights for a Silver Rose Prayer Service on Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00pm. For more information or to carpool, call Norm Thibault at 603-289-0574.

Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, August 12
Holy Cross Center
357 Island Pond Road, Manchester
9:00am-3:00pm

Limited tables are available for a \$25 rental fee. Rental requests are due by July 26. Send your table request including your name, address, and phone to: Holy Cross Development Office, Yard Sale, 365 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109.

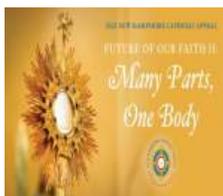
120 Club Winners

Week 17
Joanne Johnson
Yvette & Robert Pelletier
Congratulations! Thank you for your support!

Trip to Rome and The Holy Land

Fr. Paul Montminy is pleased to announce a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land from January 13 to January 25, 2024. Andrew Leighton, a representative from Collette, will be at Immaculate Conception Parish Center on Sunday, June 25 following the 11:00am Mass for an informational gathering. All are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Paul M at 603-888-0321 ext 237.

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal



We thank all who made their gift to the NH Catholic Appeal. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in NH to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more.

If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholcnh.org/nhca or drop your gift in the collection basket. We are grateful!

Parish Stewardship

Weekend Collection June 17 & 18: \$3,813

Weekly Collections June 12-18, 2023

Offertory/Miscellaneous

Budget: \$10,000

Actual: \$ 9,256

(includes weekend total above)

Variance: (\$744)

Thank you for your generosity!

Are You Being Called?

Our Greeters are such a blessing! Their hospitality warmly welcomes us to church each Mass. Please put to prayer if YOU are being called to be a Greeter. This could be your way to give back to the community, to help others feel welcome, or even to meet more parishioners. Contact the office if you'd like to participate in this special ministry.

For our current Greeters, please pray about your role in this ministry and if you're being called to be a coordinator at this time. Thank you and God bless!

Saint Chris Academy Faculty Openings

Saint Christopher Academy in Nashua is currently interviewing for new faculty members for positions for Fall of 2023 on both the lower campus (grades PreK to 5) and the upper campus (grades 6 to 8).
Openings:

- PreKindergarten teachers and aide
- Kindergarten teacher
- 5th grade teacher
- Upper campus English teacher
- Upper campus computer teacher/IT professional
- Upper campus school nurse
- Upper campus guidance counselor

Preferred applicants should be practicing Catholics, hold an appropriate NH teaching certification (or be eligible for certification), and be ready to embrace our school mission of developing students who lead by example and live their lives with integrity and in service to God and others. Teachers with certification from grades prekindergarten through grade 8 who are looking to join a joy-filled Catholic school are encouraged to apply! Candidates may read more about open positions by visiting the school website at SaintChrisAcademy.org/apps/pages/Employment.



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